

DECATUR COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



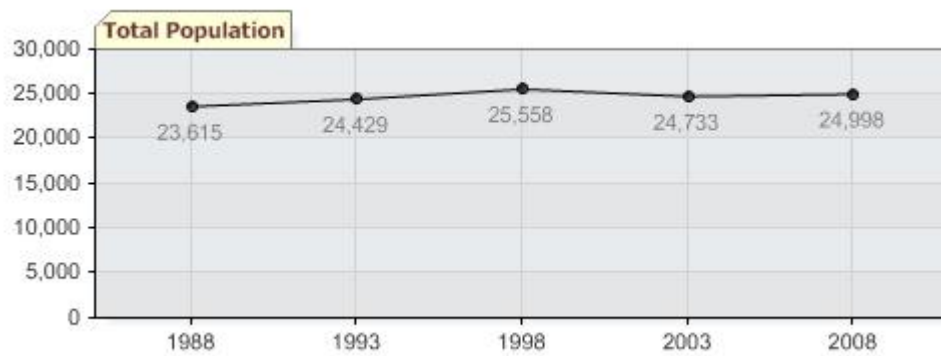
Location

Decatur County is located in southeastern Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Jennings County and Ripley County. Franklin County is adjacent to Decatur County on the east, Rush County is to the north, and Bartholomew County to the west. Decatur County is one of the ten counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 9.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

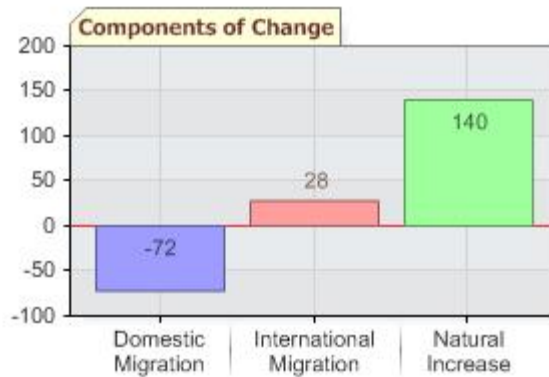
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	23,615	24,429	25,558	24,733	24,998
Change Since 1988		814	1,943	1,118	1,383
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.4%	8.2%	4.7%	5.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-72
International Migration	28
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	140
Births	374
Deaths	234



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

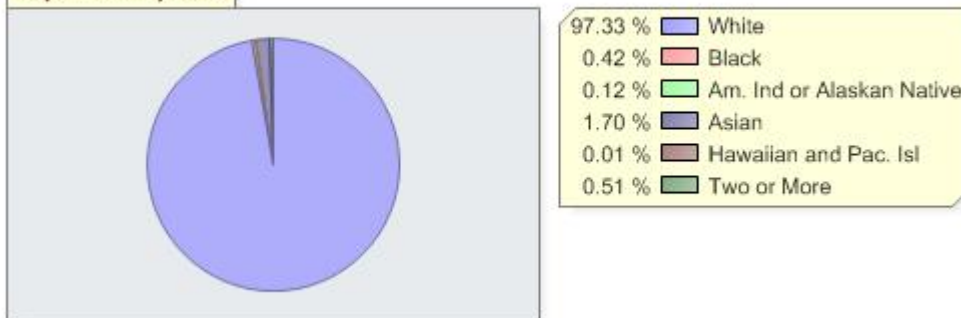
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,795	7.2%
School Age	4,658	18.7%
College Age	1,737	7.0%
Young Adult	7,246	29.1%
Older Adult	6,202	24.9%
Older (65 plus)	3,321	13.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	29	0.1%
Asian Alone	425	1.7%
Black Alone	105	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	3	0.0%
White Alone	24,271	97.3%
Two or More Race Groups	126	0.5%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	24,733	99.2%
Hispanic or Latino	226	0.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

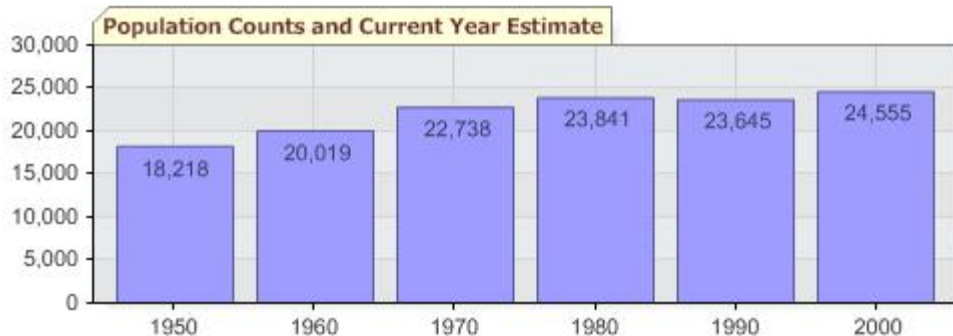
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	9,389	100.0%
Family Households	6,878	73.3%
Married with Children	2,462	26.2%
Married without Children	3,182	33.9%
Single Parents	737	7.8%
Other	497	5.3%
Non-family Households	2,511	26.7%
Living Alone	2,142	22.8%
Average Household Size	2.62	
Average Family Household Size	3.57	

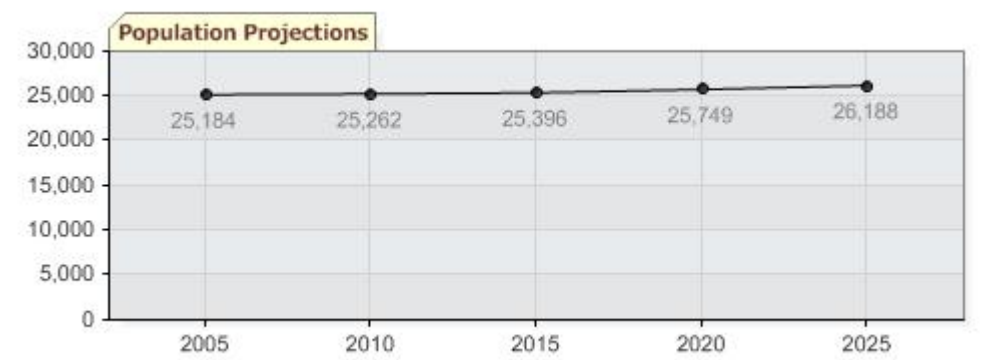
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,218	NA	NA
1960	20,019	1,801	9.9%
1970	22,738	2,719	13.6%
1980	23,841	1,103	4.9%
1990	23,645	-196	-0.8%
April 2000	24,555	910	3.8%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



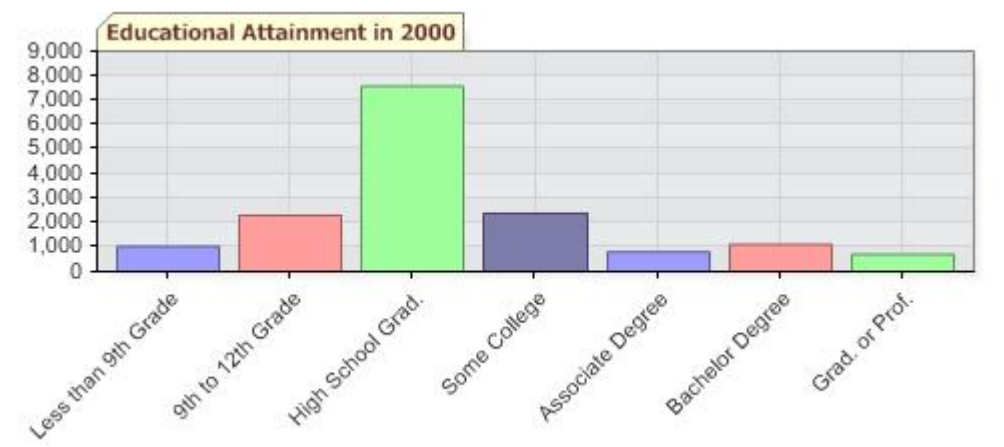
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	25,184	25,262	25,396	25,749	26,188
Change Since 2005		78	212	565	1,004
Pct. Change Since 2005		0.3%	0.8%	2.2%	4.0%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

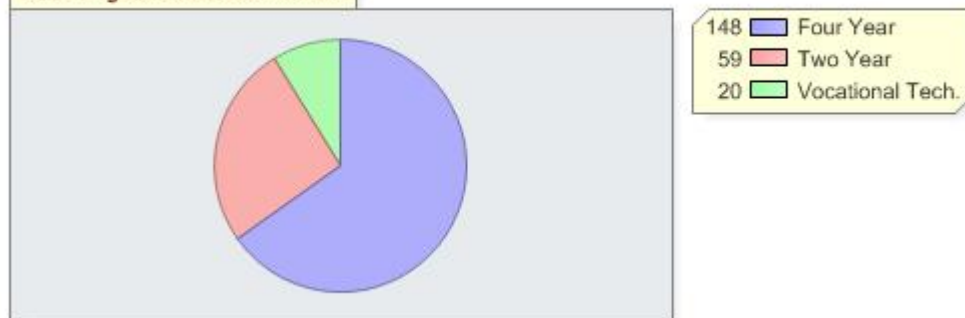
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	12,168	13,411	14,625	15,948
Less than 9th Grade	4,042	2,850	1,660	1,038
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,278	2,298	2,386	2,301
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	4,398	6,093	6,950	7,573
Some College, No Degree			1,593	2,390
Associate Degree			621	817
Bachelors Degree			748	1,119
Graduate or Professional Degree			667	710



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	272	252	254	278
Total to Higher Education	221	193	196	227
Four-Year Institution	162	145	136	148
Two-Year Institution	47	26	37	59
Vocational/Tech.	12	22	23	20
Military	8	10	2	8

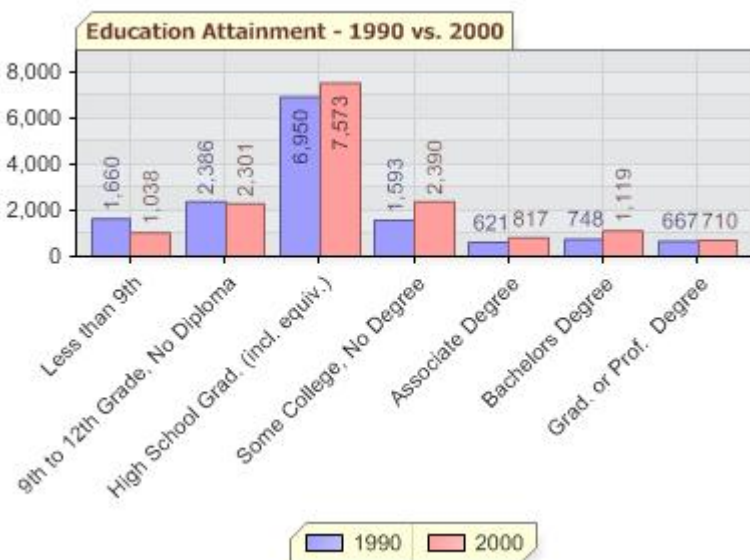
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	14,625	100.0%	15,948	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,660	11.4%	1,038	6.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,386	16.3%	2,301	14.4%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	6,950	47.5%	7,573	47.5%
Some College, No Degree	1,593	10.9%	2,390	15.0%
Associate Degree	621	4.2%	817	5.1%
Bachelors Degree	748	5.1%	1,119	7.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	667	4.6%	710	4.5%

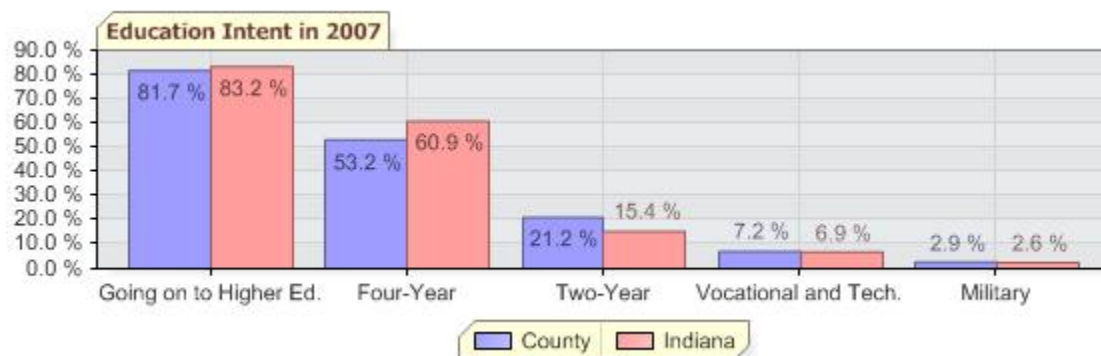


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	81.7%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	53.2%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	21.2%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	7.2%	6.9%
Military	2.9%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

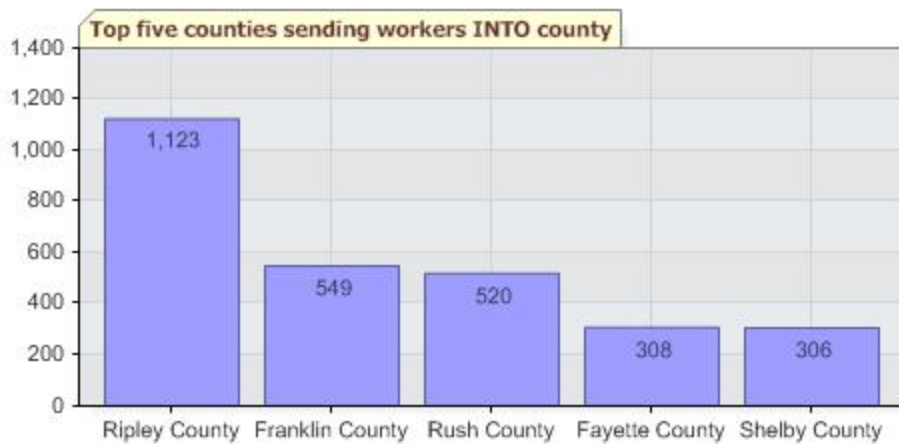
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	18,145
Number of tax filers who work in the county	18,851
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	14,976
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,875

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

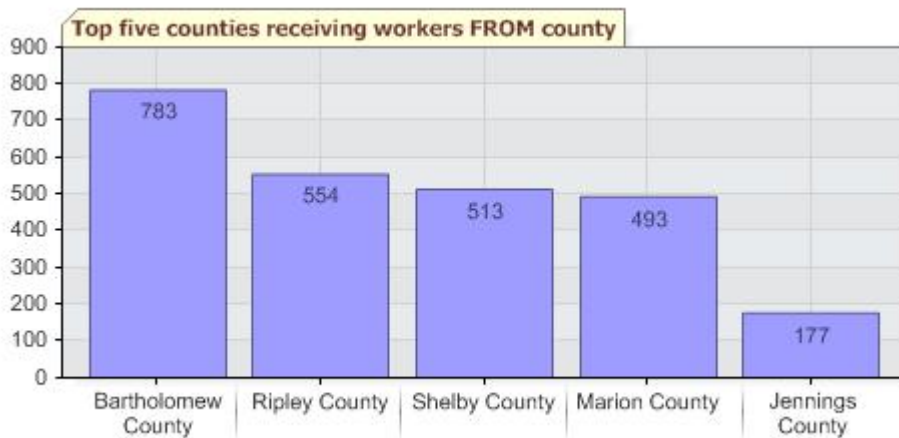
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Ripley County	1,123	39.4%
Franklin County	549	19.3%
Rush County	520	18.3%
Fayette County	308	10.8%
Shelby County	306	10.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Bartholomew County	783	31.1%
Ripley County	554	22.0%
Shelby County	513	20.4%
Marion County	493	19.6%
Jennings County	177	7.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

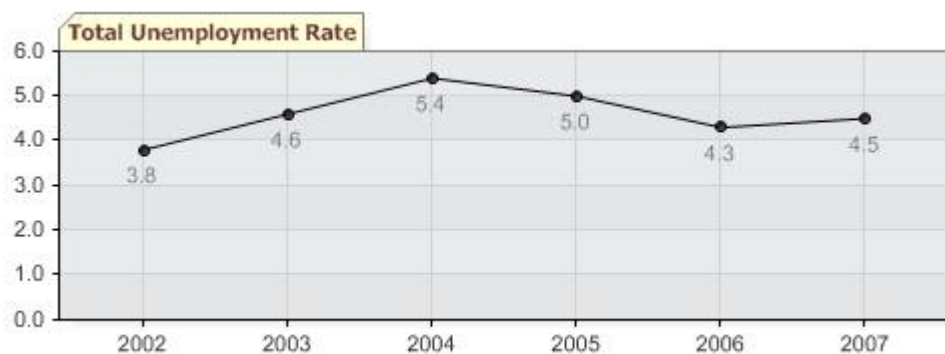
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	12,329	100.0%
Travel To Work	11,946	96.9%
Car, Truck, or Van	11,586	94.0%
Traveled Alone	9,933	80.6%
Carpooled	1,653	13.4%
Used Public Transportation	16	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	344	2.8%
Worked At Home	383	3.1%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	19.9	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	45.0	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

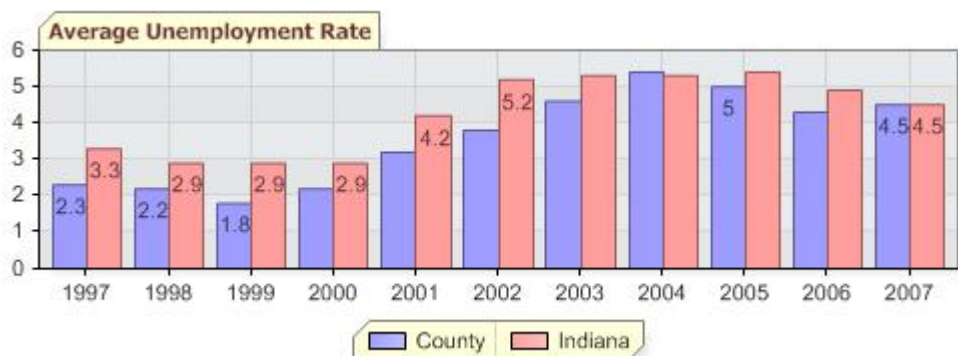
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	12,361	-8.5%
Employed	11,801	-10.7%
Unemployed	560	91.8%
Rate	4.5	104.5%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	16,345	15,970	375	2.3	3.3
1998	16,102	15,754	348	2.2	2.9
1999	17,181	16,873	308	1.8	2.9
2000	13,512	13,220	292	2.2	2.9
2001	13,049	12,635	414	3.2	4.2
2002	13,407	12,896	511	3.8	5.2
2003	12,459	11,887	572	4.6	5.3
2004	12,534	11,863	671	5.4	5.3
2005	12,675	12,045	630	5.0	5.4
2006	12,507	11,970	537	4.3	4.9
2007	12,361	11,801	560	4.5	4.5



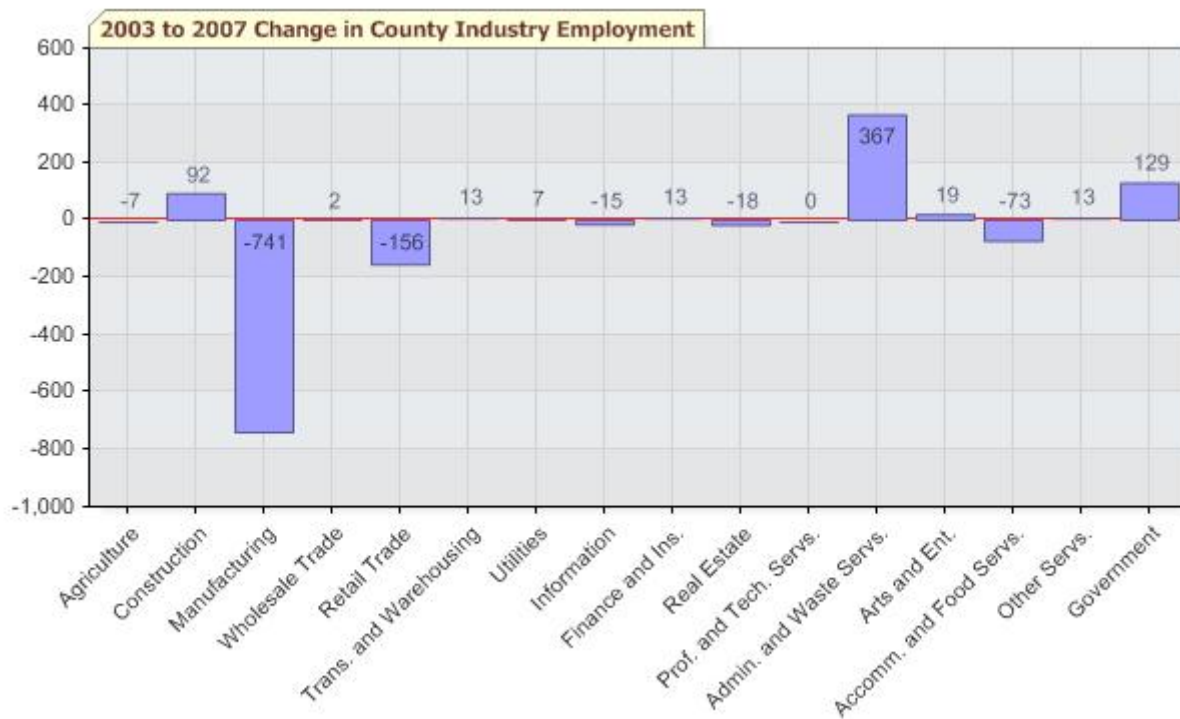
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Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	12,448	12,353	12,429	12,392	12,146	-302	-2.43%
Total Private Employment	11,083	10,913	10,996	10,953	10,652	-431	-3.89%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	254	203	209	241	247	-7	-2.76%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	292	322	313	300	384	92	31.51%
Manufacturing	5,338	4,987	5,042	4,859	4,597	-741	-13.88%
Wholesale Trade	354	372	357	345	356	2	0.56%
Retail Trade	1,357	1,285	1,272	1,280	1,201	-156	-11.50%
Transport. and Warehousing	233	211	237	263	246	13	5.58%
Utilities	60	65	65	63	67	7	11.67%
Information	122	108	102	110	107	-15	-12.30%
Finance and Insurance	250	269	260	250	263	13	5.20%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	100	84	83	79	82	-18	-18.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	122	118	124	118	122	0	0.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	155	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	654	932	927	1,050	1,021	367	56.12%
Educational Services	13	13	17	21	21	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	601	662	704	656	597	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	58	59	58	66	77	19	32.76%
Accommodation and Food Service	817	773	741	733	744	-73	-8.94%
Other Services	291	265	288	304	304	13	4.47%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,365	1,440	1,433	1,439	1,494	129	9.45%

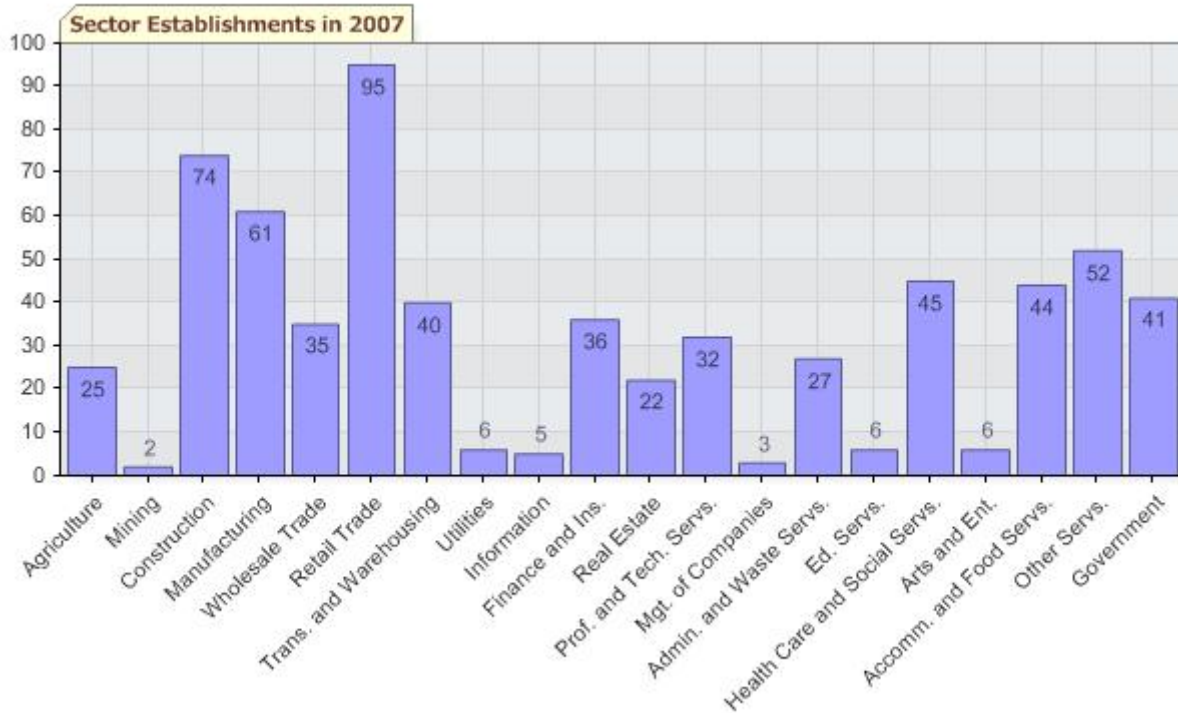


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	611	609	619	635	655	44	7.20%
Total Private Establishments	573	571	580	596	614	41	7.16%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	21	20	20	21	25	4	19.05%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	64	65	67	68	74	10	15.63%
Manufacturing	56	56	56	56	61	5	8.93%
Wholesale Trade	31	30	31	32	35	4	12.90%
Retail Trade	100	98	98	101	95	-5	-5.00%
Transport. and Warehousing	33	35	39	40	40	7	21.21%
Utilities	6	6	6	6	6	0	0.00%
Information	6	4	4	5	5	-1	-16.67%
Finance and Insurance	25	28	31	34	36	11	44.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	18	19	19	21	22	4	22.22%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	27	27	29	28	32	5	18.52%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	4	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	27	23	23	27	27	0	0.00%
Educational Services	3	4	5	6	6	3	100.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	42	45	46	45	45	3	7.14%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	8	6	6	6	6	-2	-25.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	50	51	45	44	44	-6	-12.00%
Other Services	51	48	49	52	52	1	1.96%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	38	38	39	39	41	3	7.89%



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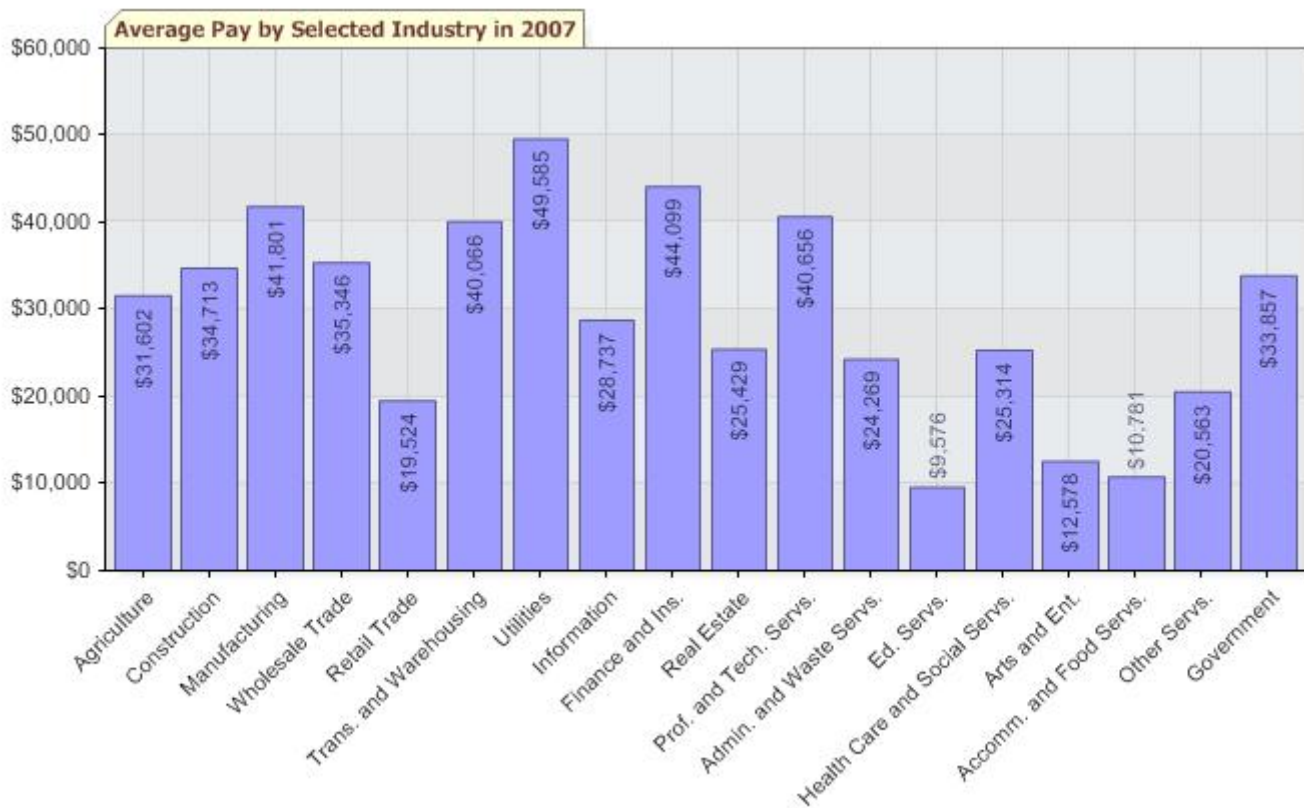
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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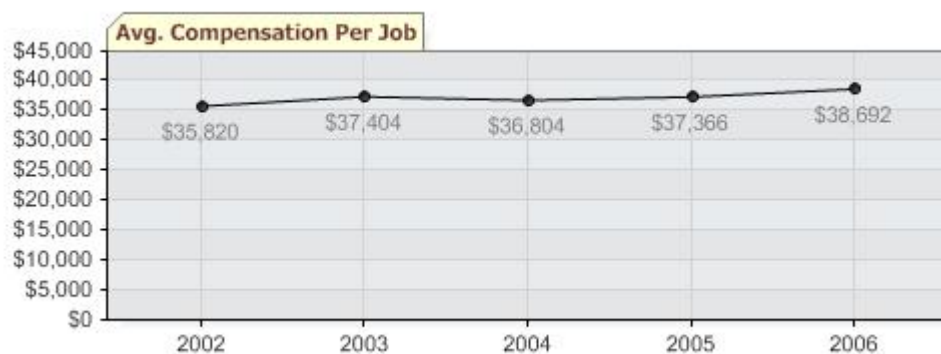
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$28,590	\$32,853	\$4,263	14.9%	\$37,530	87.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$29,166	\$31,602	\$2,436	8.4%	\$28,008	112.8%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$26,514	\$34,713	\$8,199	30.9%	\$44,754	77.6%
Manufacturing	\$35,055	\$41,801	\$6,745	19.2%	\$51,148	81.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$31,793	\$35,346	\$3,552	11.2%	\$51,432	68.7%
Retail Trade	\$19,708	\$19,524	-\$184	-0.9%	\$22,581	86.5%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$30,677	\$40,066	\$9,389	30.6%	\$38,012	105.4%
Utilities	\$44,413	\$49,585	\$5,172	11.6%	\$68,267	72.6%
Information	\$28,597	\$28,737	\$141	0.5%	\$46,311	62.1%
Finance & Insurance	\$37,067	\$44,099	\$7,032	19.0%	\$52,649	83.8%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$20,405	\$25,429	\$5,024	24.6%	\$32,614	78.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$32,381	\$40,656	\$8,275	25.6%	\$51,451	79.0%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$21,792	\$24,269	\$2,476	11.4%	\$24,934	97.3%
Education Svcs.	\$3,464	\$9,576	\$6,112	176.5%	\$31,029	30.9%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$23,445	\$25,314	\$1,869	8.0%	\$37,706	67.1%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$11,532	\$12,578	\$1,046	9.1%	\$29,251	43.0%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,653	\$10,781	\$1,128	11.7%	\$12,442	86.7%
Other Svcs.	\$14,040	\$20,563	\$6,523	46.5%	\$24,862	82.7%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$29,668	\$33,857	\$4,189	14.1%	\$37,054	91.4%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

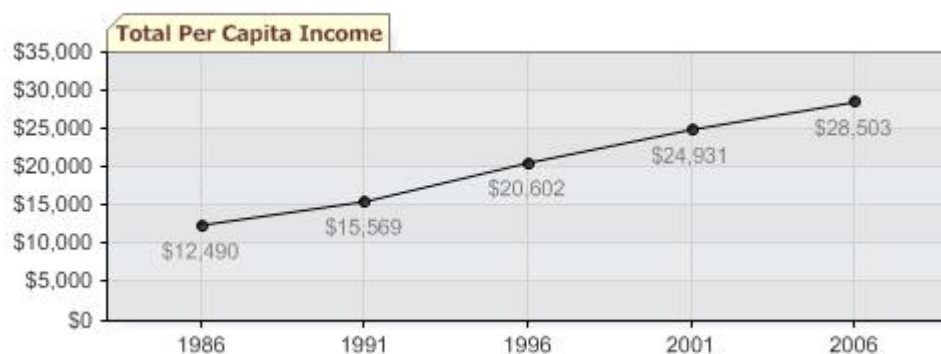
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$35,820	\$37,404	\$36,804	\$37,366	\$38,692
Change Since 2002		\$1,584	\$984	\$1,546	\$2,872
Pct. Change Since 2002		4.4%	2.7%	4.3%	8.0%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,490	\$15,569	\$20,602	\$24,931	\$28,503
Change Since 1986		\$3,079	\$8,112	\$12,441	\$16,013
Pct. Change Since 1986		24.7%	64.9%	99.6%	128.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$32,853
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	40.5%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

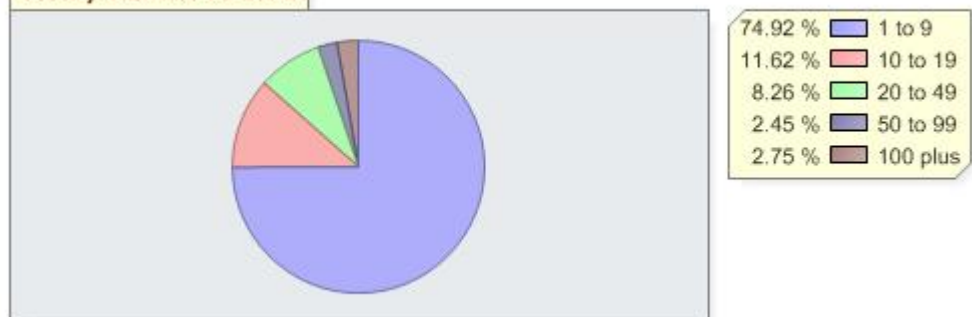
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	490	29	6.3%	74.9%
10-19 employees	76	2	2.7%	11.6%
20-49 employees	54	8	17.4%	8.3%

50-99 employees	16	-2	-11.1%	2.4%
100 plus employees	18	1	5.9%	2.8%
TOTAL	654	38	6.2%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

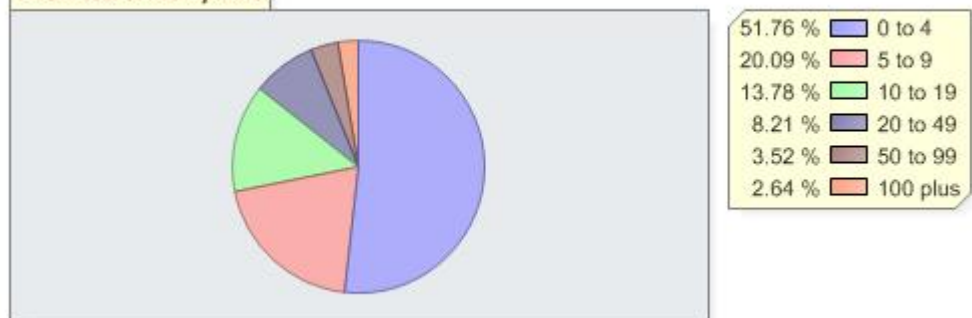


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	353	51.8%
5 to 9 employees	137	20.1%
10 to 19 employees	94	13.8%
20 to 49 employees	56	8.2%
50 to 99 employees	24	3.5%
100 plus employees	18	2.6%
TOTAL	682	100.0%

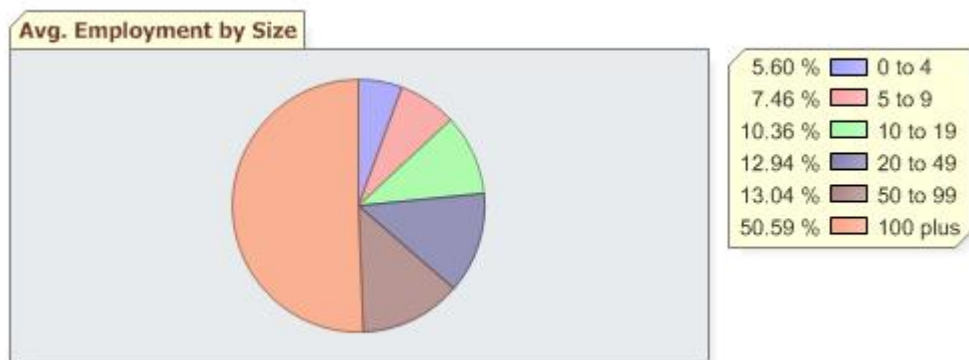
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	694	5.6%
5 to 9 employees	925	7.5%
10 to 19 employees	1,284	10.4%
20 to 49 employees	1,604	12.9%
50 to 99 employees	1,616	13.0%
100 plus employees	6,269	50.6%
TOTAL	12,392	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.